



PATENT 1714 JFW
Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Gianluigi HOTELLIER et al.)
Application No. 09/966,115) Group Art Unit: 1714
Filed: October 1, 2001) Examiner: Cain, E.
For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A)
SILICA-REINFORCED RUBBER)
COMPOUND)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 19, 2004, the period for reply having been extended for one month by a Petition for Extension of Time and fee filed with this Amendment, please amend this application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 11 of this paper.